



REUSABLE BAG ORDINANCE



Beginning April 22, 2013, retailers in the City of Belmont will no longer provide plastic carryout bags.

Goals of this ordinance

Minimize greenhouse gas emission from manufacturing single-use carryout bags.

Lessen environmental problems by reducing plastic in our storm drains, creeks, the bay and the ocean.

Reduce unseen costs on consumers, local government, state and taxpayers imposed by retail establishments.

The ordinance requires retail establishments to charge the following fees:

- A minimum of 10 cents for recycled paper bags and reusable bags at the point of sale **until** December 31, 2014.
- A minimum of 25 cents for recycled paper bags and reusable bags at the point of sale **after** January 1, 2015.

Bag Exclusions: produce bags, bags to hold prescription medications, bags for prepared food, and bags for dry-cleaning.

